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In re Application of:

Berman, et al.

Serial No. 09/942,220

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For:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

OPTIMIZING THE ELECTROSTATIC REMOVAL OF A WORKPIECE FROM

A CHUCK

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 29, 2004 to further highlight reasons why the application is in condition for allowance. Please amend the case as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.